

The Stuff of Uttered Love*

Verner's Law is an explanation for
a series of apparent exceptions
to Grimm's law, stating that

the Proto-Germanic word-medial
voiceless spirants (f, », h, s), de-
rived from the Proto-Indo-European
voiceless stops (p, t, k) and voiceless
spirant (s), regularly became the voiced
spirants (v, », g, z), respectively, and final
(s) became (z), when the vowel immediately
preceding these did not in Proto-Indo-
European bear the principal accent of
the word. *<cue violins>*

*apologies to Webster's New Word Dictionary